

RE: Risk Reduction Credit and John Harris

From: Jeannette R. Wilson-Bell – Mother of Alvin L. Wilson III

Alvin L. Wilson III was the youngest of my three beautiful children. Anyone who commits murder or manslaughter should not be eligible to participate in the risk reduction credits program” which is taking five days off their sentence once a month for good behavior. That should be for inmates who have committed misdemeanors.

John Harris demonstrated extreme bad behavior on May 1, 2001 when he picked up a gun and began shooting. John Harris shot and killed my youngest son Alvin L. Wilson III. He was 20 years old.

Oh my God! That was the worst night of my entire life. I thought I was going to die. And I probably would have had it not been for my family surrounding me with love and support. My ex-husband and I had to make funeral plans. We have two older than Alvin. I cannot begin to tell you how Alvin’s death affected my children and other family members. The pain was and is unbearable. We are still learning how to live without Alvin 10 years later.

Did you know Alvin has a son? Jaheem Alvin Wilson was born November 10, 2001. Never to know his father, his father never to know his son. We, my family and I, help Jaheem’s mother with whatever she needs and we all spend time with Jaheem often. But we are not his father. Jaheem is 10 years old now and is always asking questions about his father and even though Jaheem has not met Alvin, Jaheem feels the lost. We all do.

John Harris did this.

This is a person who should be allowed to participate in a program that reduces his sentence by five days each month if his behavior is good?

I never get days off from grieving...when do I get relief?

John Harris’ irresponsible behavior caused the death of my baby and almost killed me too. I didn’t think I would make it this far but since I have, I am committed to make sure John Harris serves his complete sentence. All of it.

He was charged with 1st degree manslaughter instead of murder; I think that is lenient enough.

John Harris needs to pay for what he did. How would you all feel if it were your child?